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06 February 2001 (06.02.01)

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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.  
PCT/US00/05596International filing date (day/month/year)  
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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION  
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International application No. PCT/US00/05596	Applicant's or agent's file reference 02940120ta
International filing date (day/month/year) 03 March 2000 (03.03.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 03 March 1999 (03.03.99)
Applicant STEWART, John, E.	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

21 September 2000 (21.09.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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2. The election  was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT  
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 02940120TA	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US00/05596	International filing date (day/month/year) 03 March 2000 (03.03.2000)	Priority date (day/month/year) 03 March 1999 (03.03.1999)	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06G 7/60, 17/10, 7/48, 7/58; G06F 15/42, 17/00; A61B 6/00; A61M 31/00, 29/00 and US Cl.: 703/ 2, 11; 708/203; 600/476; 604/53; 606/195			
Applicant VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 21 September 2000 (21.09.2000)	Date of completion of this report 27 September 2001 (27.09.2001)
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703)305-3230	Authorized officer Kevin Teska Telephone No. 703-305-9704

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## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

the international application as originally filed.

the description:

pages 1-27 as originally filed  
pages NONE, filed with the demand  
pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

the claims:

pages 28-31, as originally filed  
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
pages NONE, filed with the demand  
pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings:

pages 1-6, as originally filed  
pages NONE, filed with the demand  
pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed  
pages NONE, filed with the demand  
pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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**III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

1. The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

the entire international application,  
 claims Nos. 1-4

because:

the said international application, or the said claim Nos. 1-4 relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (specify):

Claims 1-4 are merely mathematical algorithms and thereby not statutory rule 67.1(i).

the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos.        are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

the claims, or said claims Nos.        are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.  
 no international search report has been established for said claims Nos.       

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.  
 the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. STATEMENT

### Novelty (N)

Claims NONE YES  
Claims 5-7 NO

### **Inventive Step (IS)**

Claims NONE YES  
Claims 5-7 NO

### Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 5-7 \_\_\_\_\_ YES  
Claims 1-4 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

### 3. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

**2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**  
 Claims 5-7 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 4,922,915 A (ARNOLD et al) 08 May 1990 (08.05.90). Abstract, figures 1-8, Abstract, figures 1-31, column 1, lines 33 et seq.; US 5,655,028 A (SOLL et al) 05 August 1997 (05.08.97), Abstract, figures 1-23, column 1, lines 26 et seq.; US 5,560,360 A (FILLER et al) 01 October 1996 (01.10.96), Abstract, figures 4A-4B, column 1, lines 18 et seq.; US 5,579,774 A (MILLER et al) 03 December 1996 (03.12.96), Abstract, figures 1-13c, column 3, lines 49 et seq.; US 5,304,122 A 5,287,273 A (KUPFER et al) 15 February 1994 (15.02.94), Abstract, figures 2-16, column 5, lines 22 et seq.; US 5,282,474 A (VALDES SOSA (SCHWARTZ et al) 19 April 1994 (19.04.94), Abstract, figures 1-6, column 2, lines 24 et seq.; US 4,817,614 A (HASSELER et al) 04 April et al) 01 February 1994 (01.02.94), Abstract, figures 1-24, column 4, lines 23 et seq.; US 5,825,670 A (CHERNOFF et al) 20 October 1989 (04.04.89), Abstract, figures 5-51, column 6, lines 16 et seq.; US 5,644,512 A (CHERNOFF et al) 01 July 1997 (01.07.97), Abstract, figures 5-35, column 5, lines 38 et seq.

Claim 1-4 lack industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4). Claims 1-4 are directed to pure mathematical algorithms.

## NEW CITATIONS

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06G 7/60, 7/48, 7/58; G06F 17/00; A61B 6/00; A61M 31/00, 29/00  
 US CL : 703/ 2, 11; 708/203; 600/476; 604/53; 606/195

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
 U.S. : 703/ 2, 11; 708/203; 600/476; 604/53; 606/195

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
 EAST 1.1, WEST 2.0

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,922,915 A (ARNOLD et al) 08 May 1990 (08.05.90), Abstract, figures 1-31, column 1, lines 33 et seq.	5-7
X	US 5,655,028 A (SOLL et al) 05 August 1997 (05.08.97), Abstract, figures 1-8, column 1, lines 8 et seq.	5-7
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	
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"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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Date of mailing of the international search report

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**C (Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,825,670 A (CHERNOFF et al) 20 October 1998 (20.10.98), Abstract, figures 5-51, column 6, lines 16 et seq.	5-7
X	US 5,644,512 A (CHERNOFF et al) 01 July 1997 (01.07.97), Abstract, figures 5-35, column 5, lines 38 et seq.	5-7
X,P	US 5,944,598 A (TONG et al) 31 August 1999 (31.08.99), Abstract, figures 4-35, column 3, lines 64 et seq.	5-7
X,P	US 5,983,251 A (MARTENS et al) 09 November 1999 (09.11.99), Abstract, figures 1-13, column 1, lines 16 et seq.	5-7
X,P	US 5,955,055 A (LEES et al) 21 September 1999 (21.10.99), Abstract, 1-13B, column 1, lines 19 et seq.	5-7

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claim Nos.: 1-4  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Claims 1-4 are merely mathematical algorithms and thereby not statutory under U.S.C. 35 101.
2.  Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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